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I urge you to remove the Juneau Access Project from the STIP until DOT can show a "reasonable expectation of full project funding". Although ecological impacts are my greatest concern for this project, I feel that far too little is known about the actual cost and future maintenance for this unnecessary road. I feel that we should reaffirm our support for a stronger regional ferry system and save our dwindling transportation dollars. The Alaska Marine Highway has been part of the magic of Southeast Alaska for 40 years and ferries leave no path.

Berners Bay is an area of incredible ecological significance in the heart of the Tongass National Forest and was designated by Congress to forever remain roadless and wild, and is recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an "Aquatic Resource of National Importance." It is vital to preserve this area to keep the spectacular wilderness setting in a manner that protects the natural environment and keeps the ecosystem intact. Nothing can make up for the issue of human encroachment in Berners Bay. I regularly clean up the area around 27 mile and am disheartened how often disrespectful people will drive out the road and dump their trash or leave larger items in incredibly beautiful places. The roadway is littered with discarded bottles and cans. Animals are dropped off and abandoned. Off road vehicles and automatic weapons are used with total disregard for the impact. I urge you to use your foresight and authority to remove the Juneau Access Road from the STIP, support improvements to the Alaska Marine Highway and oppose this most undesirable road that will forever change Berners Bay and the Inside Passage.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments.

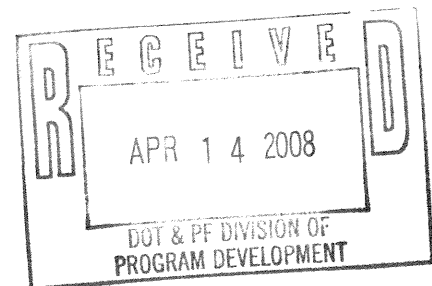
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